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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT AP STORY RECEIVED JANUARY 14 ON NEWS
TICKERS HERE:

BEGIN QUOTE: PRESIDENT MOHAMMAD DAUD OF AFGHANISTAN
HAS REITERATED HIS GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT OF INDEPENDENCE
MOVEMENTS IN TWO BORDER PROVINCES OF NEIGHBORING PAKISTAN.
DAUD SAID IN AN INTERVIEW SUNDAY THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WILL
CONTINUE "SUPPORTING ENTIRELY" THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF
BALUCHISTAN AND NORTHWEST FRONTIER PROVINCES TO DETERMINE
THEIR OWN FUTURE. ASKED IF AFGHANISTAN WAS GIVING ANYTHING
OTHER THAN VERBAL SUPPORT TO THE REBELS, DAUD SAID:
"FIGHTERS NOT ONLY NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF OTHERS BUT THE
WILL AND THE POWER WHICH ALREADY EXISTS, YOU MUST MAKE A
JUDGMENT WHEN YOU SEE THE PAKISTAN ARMY USING SOPHISTICATED
WEAPONS AGAINST OUR PUSHTU -- PATHAN -- BROTHERS. YOU MUST
REALIZE WE WILL NOT LEAVE AFGHANISTAN UNAFFECTED."

HE ADDED THAT AFGHANISTAN WANTS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM THROU-
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GH PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS, BUT PAKISTAN HAS MADE NO APPROACH.

THE DISPUTE OVER THE FATE OF THE TWO PROVINCES HAS CAUSED
CONTINUOUS TENSION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND FOR A
TIME PROMPTED THEM TO SEVER DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

SINCE DAUD CAME TO POWER IN A MILITARY COUP THAT OVER-
THREW HIS COUSIN KING ZAHIR SHAH LAST JULY, AFGHANISTAN
HAS INCREASED ITS AGITATION IN SUPPORT OF THE REBELS. THE
PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT HAS ACCUSED DAUD OF MEDDLING IN ITS
AFFAIRS.END QUOTE.

2. ARTICLE DID NOT APPEAR IN ANY MAJOR U.S. DAILY
EXCEPT FOR BRIEF SYNOPSIS BASED ON ABOVE IN JAN. 15
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